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More Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING events

FY23 Impact Grants Q and A Session: 1/10/2023

With the application cycle for the FFY23 LSTA Impact Grants open, join Grants Coordinator Alexandra Sanders for a Q and A session.

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United for Libraries for South Carolina Friends Groups: 1/18/2023

Join Dr. Curtis Rogers for a tutorial on the United for Libraries website and discover the vast array of available resources that help Friends groups support their libraries.

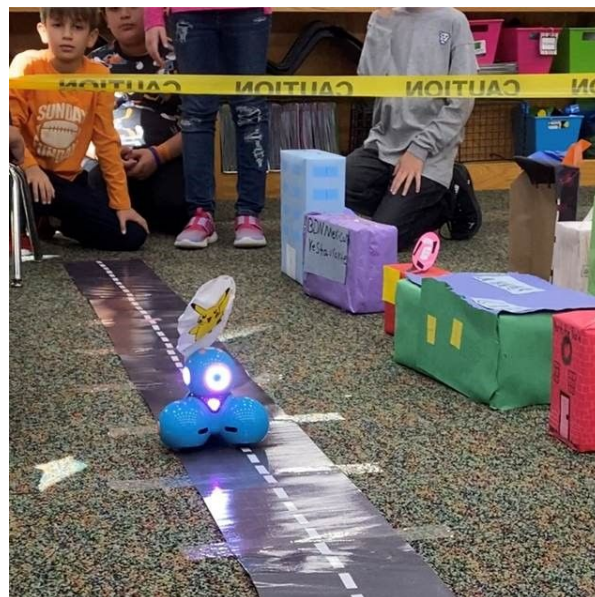
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Read-In 2023: 4/20/2023

South Carolina's premier reading event returns; mark your calendar and plan to join our parade to the South Carolina State House, where we will celebrate reading.

Show Your Library's Impact

Students at Abner Creed Elementary School coded robots to create their version of the Thanksgiving favorite, *Balloons Over Broadway*. [Share your uplifting and impactful library stories](#) with local communities and the legislators who serve them. The “Libraries Support South Carolina” campaign from [SCLA](#), [APLA](#), and [SCASL](#) is for all libraries, regardless of membership or affiliation. Whether it is summer reading statistics, academic library outreach efforts and impact, K-12 stories, or public library community programs, we want to hear it all. Submissions are due by January 16, 2023.



South Carolina Talking Book Services

TBS Tidbits

The [Talking Book Services](#) Art Gallery competition is open for submissions. We encourage any visually impaired/blind child or young adult still in school to submit their tactile artwork by the March 3, 2023, deadline. First, second, and third-place winners in three age categories will receive prizes. There is also an opportunity to win prizes by participating in the “Read a Latte” winter reading program. Beginning January 1, 2023, TBS patrons can cozy up with their favorite large print, audio, or braille books and keep track of their reading to become eligible for winter TBS goodies. For more information, [email a reader advisor](#) or call 1-800-922-7818.



EDI Update

It was a busy fall; in case you missed our [Spanish for Library Staff](#) or [Neurodiversity](#) sessions, recordings are available via Niche Academy. Also, check out [these Spanish resources](#) and [flash cards](#). Our multilingual grant wrap-up session was eye-opening to libraries' impact throughout our ever-changing state. Spartanburg Library welcomed numerous Ukrainian refugees and, in response, added materials to serve Russian and Ukrainians visiting their libraries. Lexington County Library conducted outreach at a local farm that employs hundreds of migrant workers.



Ten days are left to submit nominations for the [Notable State Documents Award](#). The program recognizes outstanding state publications produced during the calendar year. Categories include physical or digital monographs (individual publications), serials, and websites. We will review nominations and select the final candidates for judging. Please visit our [Notable State Documents Awards program site](#) for guidelines and to see past winners. To submit nominations, please [complete the nomination form](#). We also accept nominations [via email](#). [Contact Sheila Dorsey](#), Government Documents Librarian, to schedule a delivery to the South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia, SC, 29201.

Another Hero Honored

As we enjoy the freedom to celebrate the holidays, our staff is grateful to find information on another American soldier who died in World War II defending the United States. Private First Class William E. Ford of Florence worked in farming and had completed two years of high school when he enlisted at Fort Bragg in November 1943. He was killed in action two years later in Germany. Through extensive research, our librarians located this photo of PFC Ford, which will accompany his grave at Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands. Through the ["Faces of Margraten" project](#), Dutch citizens adopt and care for the gravesites of American soldiers.



Tell Us What You Think

Soon it will be time to pack Discus kits to send to school libraries for the 2023/2024 school year and spread the word about



Summer Reading Exchange

Next month we will host hands-on workshops to explore and exchange ideas for your public library's summer reading

resources available through [Discuss-South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). Our team would like your feedback before choosing items to include in this year's Discus kits. [This survey takes two minutes to complete](#) and will give us a better idea of the items to keep and which items may need changing. Share your feedback and help us support South Carolina schools.

program. Featured topics include the State Library's summer reading grant, programming and craft ideas, including samples to try, outreach and partnership tips, new presenters to consider, logistics including program set-up and incentives, and creative decorating tricks. [Visit our events calendar](#) to register for the workshop in your area.

Stories Worth Sharing



Downtown Columbia is usually quiet this time of year, but our building is open, and our reference librarians are ready to serve you. While visiting, take a moment to view the World War I: Lessons and Legacies display. History meets modern-day technology as QR codes enable you to scan and learn about decorated war heroes from the Palmetto State. We are closed for state holidays from December 23 to December 27 and January 2. Stay tuned; in 2023, we will feature the photography of [Brigadier General Marie Goff, U.S. Army Retired](#). Through her travels, Goff has discovered how to use photography to share unique findings from throughout South Carolina and the world.

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